

Appl. No. 10/621,084
Reply to Office Action of August 8, 2005

REMARKS

In the aforementioned Office communication, it is noted claims 22-44 have been withdrawn and claims 1-9 rejected based on prior art with claims 10-21 being objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 10 has been canceled and rewritten as new claim 45 which is an independent expression of original claim 10 so it is now felt to be in allowable form. Appropriate amendments have been made to claims 11-14 so they depend from claim 45 rather than canceled claim 10, whereby claims 45 and 11-21 are now felt to be in allowable form.

Claim 1, upon which claims 2-9 are directly or indirectly dependent, has been amended so as to be more distinguishable from the prior art. As will be appreciated in the present invention, one of its unique features resides in the fact that the weft yarns are fed in an upstream direction prior to being wrapped around the warp yarns which are moving in a downstream direction and by handling the weft yarns in this manner, a tension in the yarns can be controlled and unified so the weft yarns applied to the warp sheet are of uniform tension. It should be further appreciated by moving the weft yarns in an upstream direction before they are wrapped around the warp yarns and thereafter move in a downstream direction, the overall length of the apparatus can be maintained at a minimal length. Inasmuch as the prior art is devoid of such a teaching, it is felt claim 1, upon which claims 2-9 are dependent, is patentably distinct from the prior art and in allowable form.

Having placed each of the claims being considered in this application in allowable form and there being no other objections or rejections of the application, it is felt it is now in condition for allowance and such action is courteously requested.

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